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SUMMARY: SPC REACHED AGREEMENT ON AN INTITIAL LIST OF QUESTIONS
IN POLITICAL AND MILITARY FIELD RELATED TO INSPECTION MEASURES.
UK URGED THAT ALLIES ADDRESS POLITICAL QUESTIONS AT EARLY DATE,
IN ORDER TO HELP ALLIED NEGOTIATORS IN VIENNA TO RESPOND TO
INEVITABLE PACT QUERIES. BELGIUM PROPOSED SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
TO U.S. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE BY NOVEMBER 5 SPC MEETING
ON QUESTIONS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 BELOW AND ON FRG QUESTION (REFTEL) ON
ALLIED ACCESS TO INFORMATION OBTAINED BY NATIONAL INSPECTION MEANS.
END SUMMARY.

1. UK REP LOGAN NOTED THAT TIMETABLE IN VIENNA IS DEVELOPING QUICKLY,
AND ALLIED NEGOTIATORS ARE NOW WORKING ON THEIR PRESENTATIONS
OUTLINING IN GREATER DETAIL THE THEMES CONTAINED IN OPENING
STATEMENTS. LOGAN ANTICIPATED THAT ALLIES WILL BEGIN TO GET
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QUESTIONS WITHIN TWO WEEKS FROM WARSAW PACT ON INSPECTION
MEASURES. HE URGED THAT ALLIES GET EARLY AGREEMENT ON SOME
BASIC POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

2. ON BASIS OF QUESTIONS POSED BY UK AND OTHERS, SPC ACTING CHAIRMAN HAAS SUGGESTED FOLLOWING LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN NATO:

A. POLITICAL (INITIAL EXAMINATION IN SPC)

(1) HOW STRONGLY DO THE ALLIES REALLY FAVOUR EFFECTIVE AND DETAILED ADVERSARY INSPECTION? SHOULD NATO FOREGO A DEGREE OF VERIFIABILITY IN ORDER TO STRUCTURE ITS OWN REDUCTIONS IN A WAY LEAST DAMAGING TO ITS MILITARY CAPABILITIES? (MBFR WG MAY ALSO COMMENT ON THIS POINT)

(2) FROM POLITICAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS POINTS OF VIEW, HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO NEGOTIATE AT LEAST SOME KIND OF OVERT INSPECTION SCHEME?

(3) SHOULD THERE BE VERIFICATION STEPS BEFORE REDUCTIONS, I.E. OF CURRENT FORCE LEVELS?

(4) COULD CERTAIN VERIFICATION MEASURES BE ENVISAGED AS APPLYING OUTSIDE OF NGA AS WELL AS INSIDE NGA?

(5) IS AN OPEN-SKIES PROPOSAL ACCEPTABLE TO ALLIES?

(6) WHAT ARRANGEMENTS DO ALLIES ENVISAGE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL OF VERIFICATION AGREEMENTS?

(7) WHAT SHOULD BE THE ROLE OF MILITARY ATTACHES AND MILITARY LIAISON MISSIONS?

B. MILITARY (INITIAL EXAMINATION BY MBFR WORKING GROUP)

(1) TO WHAT EXTENT WOULD WARSAW PACT VERIFICATION ACTIVITY ON OR OVER ALLIED TERRITORY ACTUALLY INHIBIT NATO FROM STRUCTURING ITS OWN REDUCTIONS IN A WAY LEAST DAMAGING TO ITS MILITARY CAPABILITIES?

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(2) WHAT LOSS OF TECHNOLOGY OR CLASSIFIED OPERATIONAL INFORMATION, IF ANY, WILL OCCUR AS A RESULT OF ANY PROPOSED VERIFICATION MEASURES?

(3) WHAT GAINS IN INFORMATION ON WARSAW PACT FORCES COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH ANY OF THE PROPOSED VERIFICATION MEASURES?

(4) WILL ANY RESULTING DISADVANTAGES FROM VERIFICATION BE EQUAL IN THEIR EFFECTS ON BOTH SIDES?

(5) WORKING GROUP SHOULD ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN U.S. OCTOBER 5 PAPER AND PREVIOUS WORKING GROUP

STUDIES ON LIKELY MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS FOR VARIOUS
INSPECTION SYSTEMS.

(NOTE: SPC ASKED WORKING GROUP TO GIVE PROMPT STUDY TO
FOREGOING QUESTIONS. WORKING GROUP COULD EXAMINE THE
FOLLOWING QUESTION AT A MORE DELIBERATE PACE.)

(6) EXAMINE THE MILITARY/TECHNICAL PROS AND CONS OF
EACH OF THE MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE U.S. PAPER. ALSO
EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF EACH MEASURE, E.G. AVAIL-
ABILITY OF APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINED MANPOWER.

3. BELGIAN REP ALSO ADDRESSED FOLLOWING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
TO U.S.:

WHAT IS IT PRECISELY WHICH THE U.S. DESIRES WHEN IT
CALLS FOR NON-INTERFERENCE WITH NATIONAL MEANS? WHAT
TYPE OF INTERFERENCE DOES U.S. WISH TO REMOVE? HOW
SERIOUS IS THIS INTERFERENCE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF
EMPHASIS WHICH U.S. HAS PLACED ON NEED TO RELY ON NATIONAL
MEANS? DOES U.S. ENVISAGE AGREEMENT ON NON-INTERFERENCE
AS AN ADJUNCT TO A REDUCTIONS AGREEMENT?

4. SPC AND MBFR WORKING GROUP WILL BEGIN TO ADDRESS THESE
QUESTIONS EARLY NEXT WEEK. SPC WILL ALSO CONSIDER
THE FORMAT FOR AN EVENTUAL REPORT OR REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL ON
NEGOTIATED INSPECTION MEASURES.

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